

Senate Study Bill 1315

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to maximum size and weight requirements for
2 vehicles hauling crops during the annual period of harvest.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
4 TLSB 2834SC 82
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1 1 Section 1. Section 321.463, subsection 5, Code 2007, is
1 2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:
1 3 NEW PARAGRAPH. f. Notwithstanding any other law of this
1 4 state, during the annual period beginning September 15 and
1 5 ending November 15, the provisions of paragraphs "a" and "b"
1 6 and section 321E.29 are suspended, to the extent that those
1 7 provisions restrict the movement of oversize and overweight
1 8 loads of soybeans, corn, hay, straw, and stover and require a
1 9 permit to transport such loads. This paragraph applies to
1 10 loads transported on highways other than interstate roads by
1 11 vehicles or combinations of vehicles which do not exceed a
1 12 maximum gross weight of ninety thousand pounds and maximum
1 13 axle weight limits under subsection 2 and which comply with
1 14 posted limits on bridges.

EXPLANATION

1 15 This bill provides for annual suspension of maximum size
1 16 and weight limits and permit requirements for vehicles hauling
1 17 crops on noninterstate roads from September 15 through
1 18 November 15. Current law establishes graduated weight limits
1 19 for vehicles or combinations of vehicles based on the number
1 20 of axles, with a maximum allowable weight of 80,000 pounds.
1 21 The bill allows a maximum gross weight of 90,000 pounds during
1 22 the annual suspension period regardless of the number of
1 23 axles, provided that maximum legal axle weight limits are not
1 24 exceeded. Weight embargoes on bridges are not affected by the
1 25 bill.
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